

Redhill Balanced Network – Consultation summary

Redhill is one of the Surrey's most economically important towns but without commensurate transport investment, to tackle congestion and improve accessibility the attractiveness of the town for wider regeneration benefits of investment will not be forthcoming.

The balanced network is a series of link and junction improvements in Redhill town centre for the benefit of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians, which will pave the way for Redhill to fulfil its potential – socially, environmentally and economically and will support the employment offer in Redhill by directly improving journey time reliability and access to the labour pool and indirectly unlocking development sites that will offer a greater range of facilities to employees and residents

As the scheme proposals relate to a number of link and junction improvements, the primary stakeholders are local residents, road users, transport operators, local businesses and utility companies.

A public exhibition and consultation was conducted between 9.11.12 and 04.01.13. Respondents had the option of responding to the questionnaire electronically or manually. Nearly 130 people replied [response rounded up/down to nearest 5], with 110 [95%] responding in an individual capacity, 3 responses from businesses and 4 responses on behalf of groups.

- Nearly 80% of respondents were in the age range 30 – 69, with approximately 80% travelling on foot in Redhill, 70% by car, 20% by bus and 15% by bicycle.
- Of the 120 respondents, 55% visited Redhill 5 or more times a week and 25% between 2 to 4 times a week. Nearly 70% visit Redhill for shopping/ leisure, 60% are residents, 25% for work and nearly 15% for visiting friends or family.
- Those in favour of the specific improvements ranged from 60% – 80% of the respondents and those opposed to them ranged from 20% - 40%. Taking all the improvements collectively, 70% of the respondents were in favour, with 30% opposed.

Results from analysis of the consultation have been presented to the Chairman and Redhill Divisional Member for the Local Committee for Reigate & Banstead and Reigate & Banstead Borough Council's Executive Member for Property and Regeneration have 'signed off' the consultation analysis.

- Transport operators have been consulted and are broadly in support of the scheme.
- Utility companies have been consulted and have provided estimated costs for diversionary works.

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